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Sir:

In response to the official action mailed on December 18, 2002, Applicants request consideration of the accompanying remarks. Applicants believe that no fees are required with this amendment. If any fees are required, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to the account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter 26502-67310.